

St. Julie's: a place of service, success and celebration



Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter.

The building work is ahead of schedule and we are expecting the steel frame to be erected over the summer.

KIER have done a fantastic job in allowing the school to carry on with no disruption to lessons day by day, as we aim to move to the new school in September 2017. As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to pay tribute to all of the hard working staff who provide such a fantastic range of opportunities for the students at St Julie's.

Over the last two weeks, since this Newsletter was produced, the following has happened:

- Year 7 STEM Club presented their projects at a Big Bang Fair
- Auditions have taken place for all the parts in our Christmas production of Billy Elliott
- Computer Science students visited the Google Garage
- Dance and Music students performed at the International Festival of Business in front of delegates from 85 countries
- A team of Engineers entered the Smallpeice Trust Construction Challenge
- Year 8 engaged in live History lessons with the BBC
- Year 9 students competed in Dragons Den, pitching their 'Calculator Castle'
- Year 7 went to Harry Potter studios
- Year 8 Dancers performed 'Hairspray'
- Year 11 had their end of exams Prom.

This is in addition to all of the good news stories that you will see in this Newsletter.

We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful students who willingly participate in this great variety of activities, that make St Julie's a school that grows confident young women and responsible citizens of the future.

Can I wish you a happy, peaceful and restful summer, and remind you that our **Open Evening is on 22 September 2016.**



Year 11 Celebrate!

This summer Year 11 students have joined with staff, governors and their family members in a joyous celebration of all of their achievements so far at St. Julie's.

The event, hosted in the Chapel at Liverpool Hope University, was a reflection of earlier times as Mr Alderman reminded students of 'Foundation Day' in 2012 when they gathered as a Year 7 group in the very same venue.

With prayer and song, we celebrated happy memories before an inspiring address from guest speaker and

former Head Girl Jemma Volp-Fletcher, who brought her school blazer with her and used it as a metaphor for the values instilled in her during her time at our school.

The beautiful weather helped to make the event a very happy one indeed, and afforded a great opportunity for our students to model their academic robes in the sunshine.

Thank you to everybody who joined us for the celebration, and for everyone who worked in preparation for it.

Students Make Pilgrimage to Namur

A group of staff and students have walked in the footsteps of St. Julie and explored the origins of the Sisters of Notre Dame during a one day visit to Namur in Belgium, the birthplace of the order in 1804.

The day was a long but very busy one, exploring the old city, cruising the river, and enjoying an extremely informative visit to the Notre Dame Heritage Centre under the guidance of the Curator and our Chair of Governors, Sister Margaret.



They even visited St. Julie's first school in Namur, set up in 1808.

The experience was hugely valuable to all the travellers in gaining a new understanding of the challenges faced by St. Julie and an appreciation of the impact of her 200 year legacy.

Graphics Students Engineer Success

Graphics students from Year 10 accepted an invitation to attend an Introduction to Engineering workshop at Amey Engineering in The Matchworks in Speke.

The day began with a presentation about what engineering involved and then straight into their first challenge of the day which was to construct a structure which could support a very heavy engineering textbook, using only cocktail sticks and fruit gems! The girls got straight into the challenge and worked brilliantly in teams and every group achieved the goal. Each group had to work together to decide what worked well, what didn't and how they could improve their construction and their thoughts were shared on a huge whiteboard.

Their experience proved useful in their second challenge - this time, to construct a tower outside which was as tall as the shortest girl in the group, using only sellotape and drinking straws. Before working outside they had to work as a group to come up with their own risk assessment to make sure everyone was going to be safe. As you can see in the pictures the results were impressive. Every stage of the challenges was ably supported by the Amey team.

After lunch, we had a tour and short presentation from some of the Amey Design team who have been using CAD and Traffic Track software in working on the new traffic layout in



Leeds Street; new traffic-calming measures in Belvedere Road and a glimpse of how the Queens Drive/Rocket flyover is maintained. It really made us appreciate the engineering that goes into making our city safe.

Each of our students was a fabulous ambassador for St Julie's, and above all we'd like to say a big thank you to Sonia, Amy and Oife at Amey for making the day such a memorable one.



Gold for Faye!

Congratulations to Faye Ireland for an amazing Gold winning run at the English Schools' final at Gateshead this month.

Faye triumphed in the 3000m Under-17 girls' final and has been selected by SIAB to represent England at an

St. Julie's Open Evening 22.09.2016

The next open evening at St. Julie's for prospective students in Years 5 and 6 is taking place on Thursday 22nd September from 3-30pm to 6.00pm.



Throughout this year staff across the school have been gathering evidence of the diverse range of numeracy activities that go on right across the curriculum as we work towards the 'Liverpool Counts' Numeracy Quality Mark.

These activities have included workshops for our primary schools, a 'Maths Olympics' and various sports themed events. We've had our assessment visit and are delighted to report that we will be formally presented with the Silver Award at a ceremony in July. We were so pleased that we had a Maths party, with students testing their numerical and engineering skills in fun games and activities. You can see some video from the day on our school website.

St. Julie's Celebrates Numeracy Award

St. Julie's Mental Health Tour

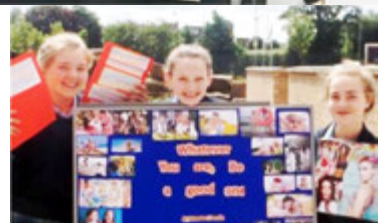
Congratulations to our Drama company on their successful tour of Liverpool schools promoting mental health awareness.

The members have been performing the winning performance from this year's 'Now Festival'.



Recently, three of our year 8 girls headed to Archbishop Beck for the Liverpool Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition. Libby, Olivia and Olivia have spent the last month writing a speech based on Abraham Lincoln's famous quote, 'whatever you are, be a

good one.' After weeks of hard work, excitement and even some nerves, the girls delivered a fantastically engaging and inspirational speech to pupils and teachers from across Liverpool, to an overwhelmingly positive response from the audience.



Year 8 Public Speaking



Gary walked the students through the preparation of a cheesecake before demonstrating a wide range of techniques used in the restaurant business.

As well as these top techniques, Gary spoke about food provenance and how utilising local produce is good for the culinary experience, good for the environment and good for business!

We'd like to say a huge thanks to Gary for making time in his very busy schedule to come and work with our students. They were all inspired and will be putting all of the top tips they learned into practice!

Top Chef Workshop!

We've been delighted to welcome top chef Gary Manning of 60 Hope Street to St. Julie's for a presentation workshop with Year 9 students.